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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 23-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/23/99	10/16/99
Bro-Fry	156,045	155,477
Lt Hens	1,948	1,684
Hvy Hens	1,670	1,674

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 16-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	353	0	353
Last Week	434	0	434
Same Wk Yr Ago	270	12	282
To Date 1999	19,075	186	19,261
To Date 1998	21,603	281	21,884

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,036	1,620	3,656
Last Week	2,265	1,652	3,917
Same Wk Yr Ago	1,876	1,305	3,181
To Date 1999	104,651	57,976	162,627
To Date 1998	105,693	52,061	157,754

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 16-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	153,293 (A)	1,683	1,620	3,303
Avg Wt	5.08	3.45	7.63	5.50
Last Week	153,081	1,831	1,652	3,483
Same Week Yr Ago	148,938	1,606	1,293	2,899
Avg Wt	4.96	3.40	7.84	5.38
To-Date/1999	6,222,865	85,576	57,790	143,366
To-Date/1998	5,988,267	84,090	51,870	135,960

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.2 million head or 6.7 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending October 09, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	26,867	35,085	39,120
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.13
% Of Total /1	27%	35%	39%
Comparisons			
Last Week	28,439	34,969	46,784
Avg Weight	3.82	4.73	6.11
% Of Total /1	26%	32%	42%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	31,060	35,715	34,584
Avg Weight	3.84	4.88	6.02
% Of Total /1	31%	35%	34%

To Date/1999	1,276,022	1,254,280	1,634,909
To Date/1998	1,389,783	1,474,055	1,144,655

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 09-Oct-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	3,967	26	3,993
Avg Wt	0.00	25.40	26.19	25.40
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,178	43	5,221
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,474	33	4,507
Avg Wt	0.00	24.93 (B)	26.58	24.94
To-Date/1999	55	192,599 (B)	1,442	194,096
To-Date/1998	72	201,636 (B)	1,499	203,207

(B) Includes 609,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 988,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

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